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RECORD OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: James Q. Reber, Deputy Director, NRO
[redacted], Technical Advisor, NPIC
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PLACE: Pentagon

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1. In response to [redacted] question about NRO involvement in Project NICE GIRL, Mr. Reber made two salient points:

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a. NRO was not running Project NICE GIRL. This was obvious, he said, because he had to be briefed by [redacted] on the history of the project and the progress to date.

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b. Dr. Flax was not involved in influencing a decision re the 115-A or SR-71 except in the area of cost factors, which is his legitimate concern.

The overall impression Mr. Reber conveyed was that NRO is only an interested and detached spectator.

2. On the subject of the final report on the project, Mr. Reber suggested that [redacted] limit his response to the specific requirements of the project which are within the capabilities of the participants and not worry about problems which are not his responsibility. He further suggested that astute drafting of the final report could disarm some of the potential critics.

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3. Mr. Reber requested that his remarks be regarded as off the record.

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